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January 26, 2005

Mr. John H. Robertus
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California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region
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Subject: IC:12-0018.02 Tentative Order No. R9-2005-0008
NPDES Permit No. CA0107239
Scripps Institution of Oceanography, La Jolla, California

Dear Mr. Robertus:

The University of California, San Diego ("UCSD"), Scripps Institution of Oceanography ("Scripps") submits this letter and the enclosed attachment. Scripps is providing specific comments and proposals relating to the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board ("Regional Board") Tentative Order No. R9-2005-0008 ("Tentative Order") in the attachment to this letter.

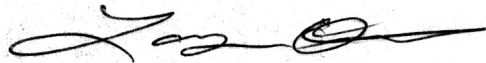
While Scripps has already implemented some of the proposed Tentative Order effluent monitoring and other requirements, it will continue to work diligently to timely satisfy all permit obligations. Scripps appreciates the cooperative working relationship which your staff, particularly Mr. John Phillips and Mr. Paul Richter, has provided during the development of the Tentative Order. Scripps looks forward to continued cooperation with the Regional Board, and we recognize that this relationship will be of even greater importance once this Tentative Order is adopted.

In October and November of 2004 when the first draft and addendum of this Tentative Order (Tentative Order No. R9-2004-0378, NPDES Permit No. CA0107239) was issued, Scripps provided three comment letters: (1) October 27, 2004; (2) November 3, 2004; and (3) November 9, 2004. Scripps requests that each of those comment letters and their attachments be incorporated as a part of the Scripps submittal for Tentative Order No. R9-2005-0008.

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Scripps Comments on Draft Tentative Order

Scripps will appear at the Regional Board hearing on February 9, 2005 to make a presentation and be available to answer any questions. We request that the Chair reserve thirty (30) minutes for the Scripps presentation. Scripps will defer that portion of time that is not necessary to our presentation. If you have any questions concerning this letter or its enclosure, please feel free to contact Ms. Kimberly O'Connell at 858-534-6018 or me at 858-534-1065.

Very truly yours,



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Enclosures: Attachment A, Scripps Comments, January 26, 2005
Exhibit 1, Overview of Capital Process

cc: Mr. John Phillips
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